GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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USE OF AIRCRAFT
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force provided aircraft to Justice S.N. Phukan probing defence deals during his visits to Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has inquired into the causes which necessitated the provision of Air Force aircraft to Justice Phukan; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Free airlift was provided from Delhi to Pune on 22.12.2003 by an Avro aircraft, Pune to Ahmednagar on 23.12.2003 by MI-17 helicopter, Ahmednagar to Mumbai on 26.12.2003 by MI-8 helicopter and from Mumbai to Delhi on 27.12.2003 by AN-32 aircraft.

(c) & (d): The Raksha Mantri made a statement on 4th May 2005 in the Rajya Sabha that 'normally for visits of a Commission IAF aircraft are not provided'.